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SUBJECT: NEA/ARP WEEKLY REPORT JULY 14, 1988

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. F-18 SALE TO KUWAIT: AN AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE
FOREIGN OPERATIONS BILL, INTRODUCED BY SENATOR DECONCINI AND
SUBSEQUENTLY PASSED BY THE SENATE, BANS THE SALE OF
MAVERICK D AND G MISSILES TO KUWAIT. CROWN PRINCE/P.M.
SA'AD, IN WASHINGTON FOR HIS OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT, HAS
EMPHASIZED IN HIS MEETINGS WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND ON
THE HILL THAT KUWAIT WILL ONLY PURCHASE THE F-18 IF IT IS
EQUIPPED WITH THE D AND G MISSILES.

3. CROWN PRINCE VISIT: APART FROM THE F-18 ISSUE, THE
VISIT IS GOING WELL. SHEIKH SA'AD HAS HAD MEETINGS WITH
THE PRESIDENT, ACTING SECRETARY WHITEHEAD, SECRETARY
CARLUCCI, AND WITH THE SFRC AND HFAC. HE WAS THE GUEST
OF THE V.P. AT THE ALL STAR GAME IN CINCINNATI,
PROMPTING HIM TO CONFESS TO THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB THAT
HE "DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE SECRET OF THE GAME." (THE
A.L. WON, 2-1.)

4. HAJJ UNDERWAY - WILL IRAN RESPECT QUOTA?: SAUDI

LEADERS ARE EXPECTING SOME 2 MILLION PILGRIMS FOR THE
HAJJ, CELEBRATED THIS YEAR JULY 18-29. THE IRANIAN
GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED THE SAG THAT IT WILL BE SENDING
150,000 PILGRIMS, EXCEEDING THE 45,000 QUOTA THE SAG HAS
SET. OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THAT QUOTA RESTRICTIONS
FOR OTHER ARAB STATES WILL BE HANDLED WITH SOME
FLEXIBILITY, BUT UNWANTED IRANIAN VISITORS WILL BE TURNED
BACK. ASSUMING THE ULEMA CERTIFIES THE SIGHTING OF THE
NEW MOON TODAY, RITUAL PRAYERS AT ARAFAT WILL FALL ON
FRIDAY, JULY 22, MAKING THIS YEAR'S HAJJ SEVEN TIMES MORE
BLESSED THAN IF IT FELL ON ANOTHER DAY OF THE WEEK.

5. BAHRAIN AIR FORCE RUNNING REGULAR MISSIONS TO HAWAR:
THE AMIRI AIR FORCE IS CONDUCTING REGULAR NIGHT INTERCEPT

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